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September 17, 1999

Mr. Dick Vesperman  
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.34

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

On September 16, 1999, PES Environmental submitted the Report Requesting Certification of Completion of Upland Cap Installation for EPA's comments. EPA's review and approval of the revised Draft Operations and Maintenance Plan remains as an open item.

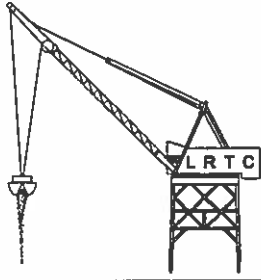
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Monthly Progress Report No.33

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

PES Environmental continues to draft the Remedial Action Report and the Operations and Maintenance Plan for EPA's comments. Both documents are expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

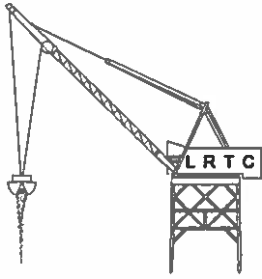
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.32

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Construction of the revised layout design for the interceptor located area "E" has been completed.. PES Environmental is drafting the Remedial Action Report and the Operations and Maintenance for EPA's comments.

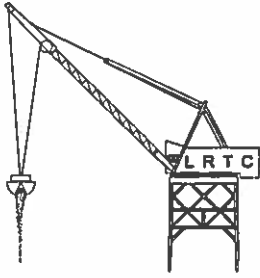
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.31

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Construction of the revised layout design for the interceptor continued in May. DECON is the contractor performing the excavating and PRIMECON is forming and constructing the interceptor. This work is expected to be completed by late June. PES Environmental contracted engineering design surveyors to develop the "as built" drawings.

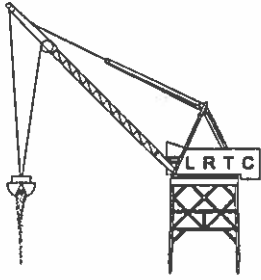
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Monthly Progress Report No.30

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

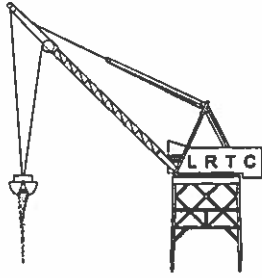
Construction of the revised layout design for the interceptor commenced during the week of April 12, 1999. DECON is the contractor performing the excavating and PRIMECON is forming and constructing the interceptor. Some delays occurred and additional shear wall pilings were installed. This work is expected to be completed by mid June.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.29

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

During the month of March 1999, the layout design of the interceptor and drainage lines in Area "E" has been modified due to structural concerns of the previous planned location. Construction commenced during the week of April 12, 1999 and is planned for completion by May 7, 1999. DECON is the contractor selected for excavating and PRIMECON for forming and constructing the interceptor. The previous excavations will receive an engineered fill and concrete cap.

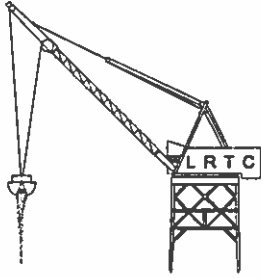
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.28

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

During the month of February 1999, LRTC personnel continued railroad track repairs in the transition between Areas "B" and "C". Minor railroad construction has been undertaken during the testing period for previous railroad repairs. Approximately 200 tons of site excavated material from railroad construction was disposed at ECDC's site in Columbia Junction, UT.

Reconstruction of the interceptor and drainage lines in Area "E" has not proceeded as expected. Contractor, Primecon made a mistake by saw cutting into the containment pad due not correctly aligning a drainage line from the correct drop inlet to the interceptor. The concrete excavation was repaired and the drainage alignment was modified. Subsequently, in early March the excavation for the interceptor resulted in structural concerns to the extent that the location of the interceptor is being redesigned and construction is expected to commence during the week of April 5, 1999 and be completed by April 23, 1999. Prime has made repairs to the curbs on the concrete pads as discussed with you on the site walk of January 28, 1999.

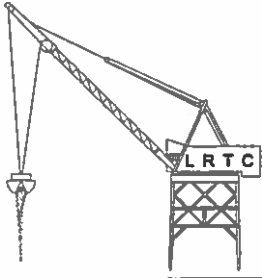
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.27

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

During the month of January 1999, LRTC personnel continued railroad track repairs in the transition between Areas "B" and "C". The schedule for completion of railroad construction has been interrupted due testing of railroad repairs. Prime-Con Corporation was awarded the contract to reconstruct the interceptor and drainage lines in Area "E". This work commenced during the week of February 8, 1999 and requires approximately three weeks to complete, weather permitting. They will also make repairs to the curbs on the concrete pads as discussed with you on the site walk of January 28, 1999. LRTC received approval from the City of Richmond to empty approximately 13,000 gallons of water originating from excavations during the project and stored in Baker Tanks, into the City sanitary sewer system.

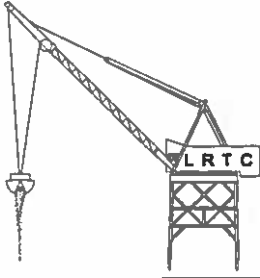
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January 14, 1999

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.26

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

During the month of December 1998, R. Bernt & Sons completed the concrete cap sections in for Area "B" and the reconstruction of all curbs to the heights called out in the plans. R. Bernt & Sons have completed all of their work on site and any additional concrete work will be awarded to other contractors. Prime-Con Corporation completed raising the heights for three interceptors and will construct light poles foundations in Area "B". LRTC personnel continued railroad track repairs in the transition between Areas "B" and "C". The schedule for completion of railroad construction has been interrupted due to operations activities at LRTC and testing of railroad repairs. Bids have been received from DECON Environmental and Prime-Con Corporation to reconstruct the interceptor and drainage lines in Area "E". This work is expected to commence during the week of February 8, 1999 and require approximately three weeks to complete.

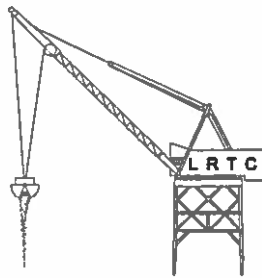
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.25

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

During the month of November 1998, R. Bernt & Sons completed the concrete cap for Areas "A". The remaining work for Bernt entails capping areas adjacent railroad track construction and completing curbs. Prime-Con Corporation completed construction of the locomotive inspection pit in Area "B". They have also been selected as the contractor for raising the heights for three interceptors and for constructing light poles foundations in Area "B". A Tideflex Check Valve was installed on Interceptor #5 at the head of the Lauritzen Channel, to prevent backflow of water and debris into the interceptor during high tides. LRTC personnel are making railroad track repairs in the transition between Areas "B" and "C". Bids have been requested from DECON Environmental and Prime-Con Corporation to reconstruct the interceptor and drainage lines in Area "E". This work is expected to commence during the week of January 4, 1999 and require approximately three weeks to complete.

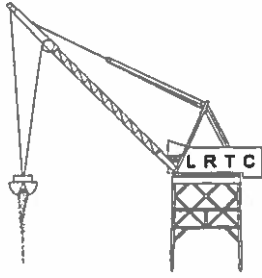
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.24

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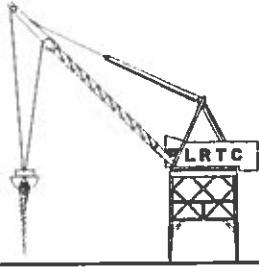
During the month of October 1998, R. Bernt & Sons completed the majority of the concrete cap for Areas "B" & "C". Area "A" was compacted and prepared for capping following removal of a sunken navigational hazard at the head of the Lauritzen Channel. Prime-Con Corporation was selected to construct the locomotive inspection pit in Area "B" and commenced construction. A Tideflex Check Valve was ordered for Interceptor #5 at the head of the Lauritzen Channel, to prevent backflow of water and debris into the interceptor during high tides. LRTC personnel commenced railroad track repairs in the transition between Areas "B" and "C".

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October 12, 1998

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Dear Dick:

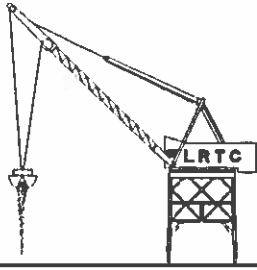
Enclosed are the written monthly progress reports, numbered 19 through 23. I have attached DECON's Daily Work Tickets from July 7, through September 29, 1998. PES Environmental will send copies of the Daily Progress Reports to you directly.

Thank you for the advice on handling this matter.

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Monthly Progress Report No.23

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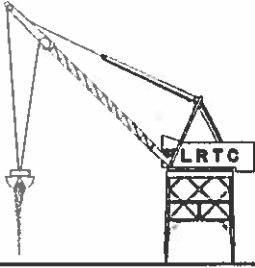
DECON Environmental Services, Inc. completed excavation and drainage work for the site on September 29, 1998. Off site disposal of approximately 500 tons of "contaminated" soils and concrete were transported via railroad to EPDC's disposal site in Carbon County, Utah. PES Environmental, Inc. reported changes to the design plans including; changes to the cap in proximity of rail lines, Area "E" interceptor and out fall piping, assessment of tidal backflow into drain system, gravel capping at the west edge of a portion of Area "C", Area "F" rail maintenance, edge details at embankment / Upland transition, Area "A" fill height, underground storage tank removal and waste management activities, and other minor changes to the plans (see letter dated September 22, 1998). R. Bernt & Sons completed pouring the concrete cap for Area "D" on October 1, 1998.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.22

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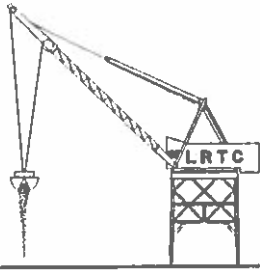
DECON Environmental Services, Inc. continued excavations, installing pipelines and slurry filling the drainage for Area "A", "B" and "C". Located an underground tank in the swale area between Area "C" & "D". Notified USEPA and Contra Costa County Department of Health & Services and proceeded with tank disposal. PES Environmental, Inc. reported the results for soil samples collected from the material excavated for the Area "C" interceptor. The maximum total organochlorine pesticide concentration was 29 mg/kg. Four interceptors were placed in the excavation pits and set with a concrete slurry. R. Bernt & Sons commenced pouring the concrete cap for Area "D" and completed approximately 30% of the area by the end of the month.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.21

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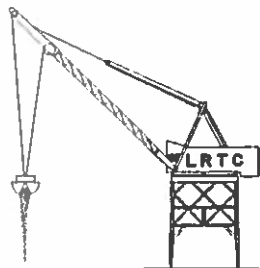
A site kick-off meeting was held at Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation on July 6, 1998 with Levin, USEPA, PES Environmental, Inc., and DECON Environmental Services, Inc. DECON commenced site work on July 7, 1998. DECON progressed through the month by completing excavations, installing pipelines and slurry filling the drainage for Area "D" and "F". Many concrete footings and foundations have been encountered with an impact of delaying the schedule. On July 31, 1998 DECON reopened the interceptor excavation in Area "C" and encountered a pocket of liquid hydrocarbons. Work in the pit was halted and samples were taken. PES informed USEPA of the condition.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.20

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation terminated the services of R. Bernt and Sons as the lead contractor for the project on June 11, 1998. Bernt was retained to construct four interceptors at an off-site location. Levin selected DECON Environmental Services, Inc. to perform all excavation work and sub-surface drainage for the site. In a letter to USEPA dated June 17, 1998, PES Environmental, Inc. documented the selection of the new contractor, modifications to the design plans and specifications and USEPA's decision to delay the resumption of construction activities until July 1, 1998. On June 29, 1998, Levin selected R. Bernt and Sons to perform all of the concrete surface work on the site. Also, on June 30, 1998 PES provided a written (binder) project update to USEPA regarding the construction contractor, locomotive inspection pit, storm drain lines and catch basin modifications, landscaping at the North end of the Site, compaction specifications, off-site recycling of asphalt, relocation of stockpile from the interceptor excavation, personnel and perimeter air monitoring and the construction schedule. On July 2, 1998, PES submitted analytical results of soil samples from the stockpile of spoils from the Area C interceptor excavation to USEPA.

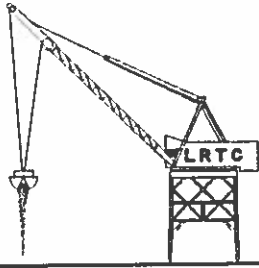
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.19

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. prepared and submitted a response to all verbal comments to the Final Design that were received during the review period. The Final Design Report for the Upland Capping Project was received from EPA on May 8, 1998. Levin Enterprises and Levin-Richmond Terminal provided evidence of insurance and financial responsibility to EPA. A preconstruction meeting was held with PES Environmental and R. Bernt and Sons (contractor) on May 15, 1998. On May 21, 1998 the site work was shut down by EPA during the excavation of the first interceptor pit. A meeting was held with EPA on May 26, 1998 to determine the requirements for restarting the project. New contractors were contacted to provide proposals for excavating and capping the site.

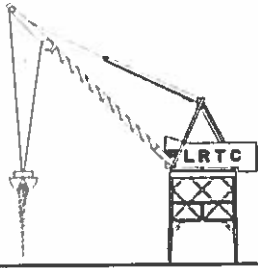
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Monthly Progress Report No.18

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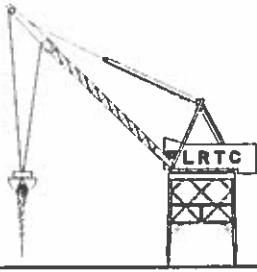
Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. prepared the DRAFT PRE FINAL/FINAL DESIGN AND DRAFT HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN. It was submitted to you on April 7, 1998 for review and approval. PES Environmental prepared and submitted a project schedule to you on April 13, 1998. A meeting was held on May 4, 1998 to receive comments on the Final Design from regulatory agencies or other interested parties. In attendance were; PES Environmental, Inc., A-N West, Inc., USEPA, the City of Richmond and Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation. PES Environmental is preparing a written response to all verbal comments to the Final Design that were received during the review period.

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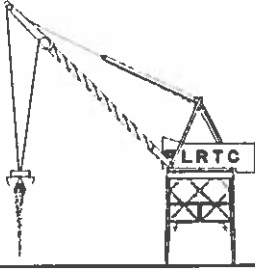
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Monthly Progress Report No. 16

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. has prepared the DRAFT PRE FINAL/FINAL DESIGN AND DRAFT HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN. It is currently under review by Levin and will be submitted to the EPA later this month.

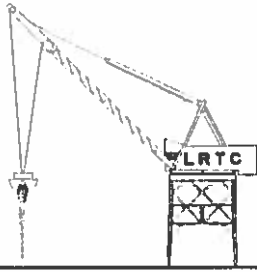
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.15

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. has prepared and distributed a response to agency and regulatory group comments on the Preliminary Design from the meeting held on November 4, 1997. The draft response was sent to EPA and additional comments were received from EPA. The final responses will be sent to the agencies this week.

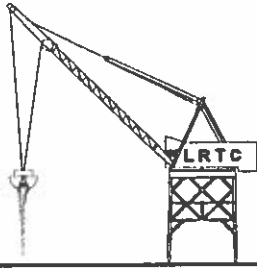
Winter site preparation of the dredging spoils pad was completed with approximately 4 inches of concrete as sub-surface.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.14

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. is preparing a response to agency and regulatory group comments on the Preliminary Design from the meeting held on November 4, 1997. The response will be sent to EPA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, NOAA and DTSC.

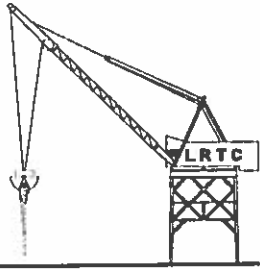
Site preparation work outside of the boundary area of the United Heckathorn site is underway. Sub-surface drainage piping and catch basins in the transition area between the existing concrete and the dewatering pad have been installed. A concrete surface will be completed this month.

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November 6, 1997

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.13

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. issued the PRELIMINARY DESIGN SUBMITTAL on October 3, 1997. It was also sent to 25 reviewing regulatory agencies and interested parties for review. A site tour and meeting with all of the interested reviewing parties for comment on the Preliminary Design was held on November 4, 1997. In addition to EPA, only U.S. Fish & Wildlife, NOAA and DTSC attended.

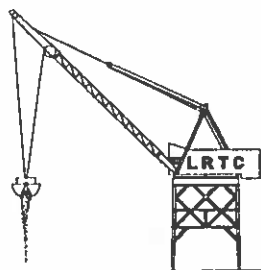
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.12

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. submitted the FINAL REMEDIAL DESIGN WORK PLAN on September 24, 1997. The PRELIMINARY DESIGN SUBMITTAL is being issued today. A meeting with all of the reviewing regulatory agencies to comment on the Preliminary Design could be scheduled for either October 21st. or 22nd. Please provide PES Environmental with a list of reviewing agencies so that a copy of the Preliminary Design may be forwarded to the appropriate parties in a timely manner.

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Regards,

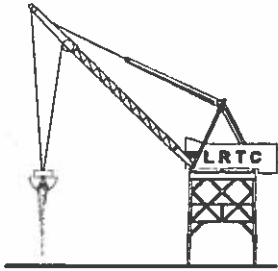
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September 4, 1997

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 11

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. submittal of the DRAFT REMEDIAL DESIGN WORK PLAN on July 1, 1997 received USEPA comments dated, August 20, 1997. The HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN, submitted on July 16, 1997 has not received comments or response from USEPA. Preliminary design engineering work on the upland cap is underway.

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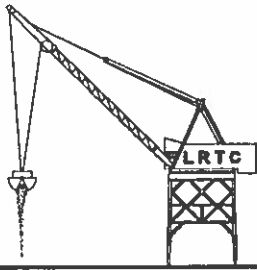
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No.10

Dear Mr. Vesperman:

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. submitted the DRAFT REMEDIAL DESIGN WORK PLAN on July 1, 1997 and the HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN on July 16, 1997 for your approval. Limited soil and asphalt sampling to complete the preliminary design for the capping project was undertaken on July 21, 1997.

Formal Authorization to Proceed with work as set out in the Consent Decree and related documents was received from the EPA on July 18, 1997.

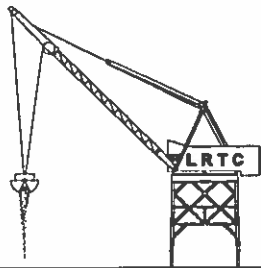
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June 13, 1997

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 9

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

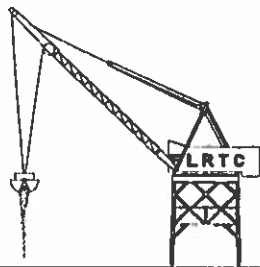
Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. continues with preliminary work on the deliverables under the Levin Consent Decree. A meeting with EPA/PES/LRTC attending was held on May 8, 1997 to discuss expediting the uplands capping project. Levin has not yet received the notice to proceed from EPA.

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Monthly Progress Report No. 9

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

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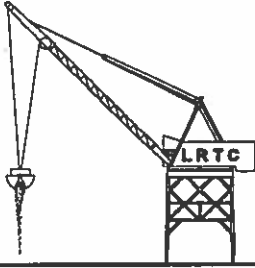
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Start Date  
40,000 tons Cement Klemmer from Thales  
40 Days on site  
1500 tons/day to Kaiser M+V  
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 8

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

Waste Management, Inc. has decontaminated the dewatering pad, demobilized and vacated the site.

Levin's Supervising Contractor, PES Environmental, Inc. has commenced preliminary work on the deliverables under the Levin Consent Decree. PES submitted a letter to EPA on March 3, 1997 to provide a clarification on the deliverable documentation for the Upland Cap Remedial Design / Remedial Action Plan. The dewatering pad used for the Lauritzen Channel dredging project remains in place. PES has surveyed the pad and surrounding area of the site and has prepared topographical maps for the preliminary design of the cap. Levin has not yet received the notice to proceed from EPA.

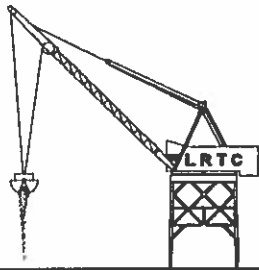
LRTC wrote a letter dated, 4/18/97 to Mr. Dick Vesperman requesting a meeting with PES to discuss expediting the schedule for implementation of the Upland remedy. At this time the meeting has not been scheduled.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 7

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

Dredging in the Lauritzen Channel was completed on March 19, 1997. Waste Management, Inc. has decontaminated the dewatering pad and demobilization is expected to be completed this week. WMI is expected to complete placing sand on the bottom of the Parr Canal and Lauritzen Channel by next week. WMI has completed the repairs of the damaged berm adjacent to the Parr Canal.

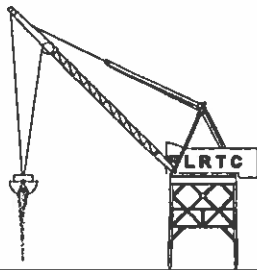
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 6

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

Levin continues working with Waste Management, Inc. regarding the on-site dredging project. Dredging in the Lauritzen Channel is behind schedule and the silt curtain is installed, thus eliminating the possibility of vessel operations at "B" Berth.

During the excavation of Parr Canal the asphalt berm adjacent to the canal and essential to Levin's storm water run-off design plan was damaged by WMI's contractors. We are told by WMI that Channel Completion Report for Parr Canal has not been approved by the EPA. Until Parr Canal is completed by WMI and approved by EPA the asphalt berm remains in a damaged condition.

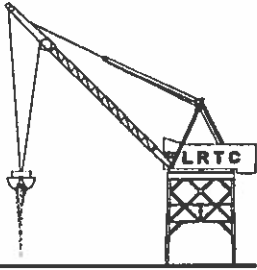
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 5

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

Levin continues working with Waste Management, Inc. regarding the on-site dredging project. Dredging in the Lauritzen Channel is behind schedule and the silt curtain is installed, thus eliminating the possibility of vessel operations at "B" Berth. We continue to be concerned over the completion of dredging being months behind schedule with little improvement in the rate of dredging. In a meeting held November 7, 1996 with EPA, WMI, Montrose and LRTC; WMI set forth a plan to raise the daily dredging volume from 1,000 to 3,800 tons per day. LRTC's railroad car loading records show that since our meeting only an average of less than 10 cars per day, or less than 1,000 tons per day were actually loaded.

A bathymetric survey of the dredging area in the Lauritzen Channel performed by PLS Surveys, Inc. on November 14, 1996 indicates that the dredged depths are much more shallow than called for in Appendix A of the Work Plan. Furthermore, the area that has been dredged does not include the extreme south eastern corner of the Channel adjacent to the silt curtain and the dock line. We request that EPA direct WMI to complete this area before continuing on the remainder of the Channel. Not only should the area be dredged to remove contamination pursuant to the Work Plan but, if for any reason work is suspended in the Channel, LRTC will remain without a working dock at "B" berth unless the undredged area are completed.

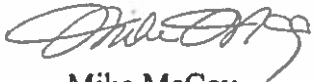
Section 6.3 of the Work Plan regarding the removal of barges and sunken debris calls for promptly cutting up and recycling the (scrap metal) material. A barge and considerable debris have been sitting on the abandoned pilings and ground area located at the north end of the Lauritzen Channel for about two months. We understand that the barge contains sediments that need to be washed out and returned to the Channel prior to dredging at the head of the Channel. We request that EPA direct WMI to promptly rinse the barge of sediments and clear the material from our property as specified in the Work Plan.

Preliminary work has commenced on the deliverables under the Levin Consent Decree as the Levin work is to follow Montrose's work. Levin has not yet received the notice to proceed from EPA.



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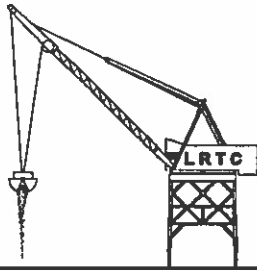
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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 4

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

Levin continues working with Waste Management, Inc. regarding the on-site dredging project. Dredging in the Lauritzen Channel is behind schedule and the silt curtain is installed, thus eliminating the possibility of vessel operations at "B" Berth. We continue to be concerned that the schedule has fallen behind and I have requested an update on the latest survey of the Channel from Mr. Mark Calhoun at the Heckathorn Site office.

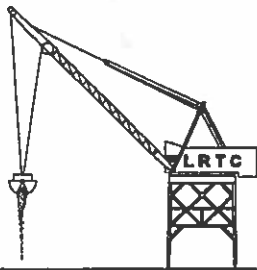
Preliminary work has commenced on the deliverables under the Levin Consent Decree as the Levin work is to follow the Montrose work. Levin has not yet received the notice to proceed from EPA. We have selected PES Environmental, Inc. of Novato, CA to perform the requirements of the Supervising Contractor.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 3

Dear Mr. Lincoff:


Levin continues working with Waste Management, Inc. regarding the on-site dredging project. Dredging in the Lauritzen Channel is behind schedule and the silt curtain is installed, thus eliminating the possibility of vessel operations at "B" Berth. We are concerned that the schedule has fallen behind to the extent that less than 20% of the material has been removed from the Channel. The original schedule called for dredging to be completed before the first of October.

It should also be noted that during the clean up of the Parr Canal, Waste Management reported oily substances coming from the storm drain culvert at the head of the Canal. Apparently, this caused problems for mixing the reagents on the dewatering pad, resulting in inconsistent weight and density for the material loaded into rail cars.

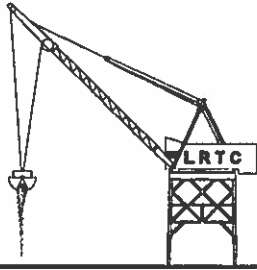
Work has not commenced on the deliverables under the Levin Consent Decree as the Levin work is to follow the Montrose work and Levin has not yet received the notice to proceed from EPA. We have received bids from engineering companies to perform the requirements of the Supervising Contractor.

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Re: United Heckathorn Superfund Site Consent Decree, Levin Group RD/RA  
Monthly Progress Report No. 2

Dear Mr. Lincoff:

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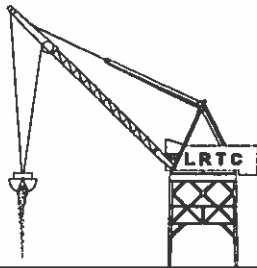
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Monthly Progress Report No. 1

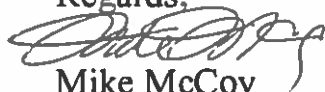
Dear Mr. Lincoff:

Levin is currently working with Montrose's Contractor regarding the on-site dredging project and excavation of the Parr Canal has commenced. Pursuant to the Levin Group Consent Decree, Levin has made all payments for past cost due to EPA and to DTSC and has made the payment to NOAA for natural resources damages. Levin has also caused to be recorded in the recorder's office for Contra Costa County, Notice of Entry of the Consent Decree, notice of obligation to provide access and the deed restrictions required by paragraph 27 of the Consent Decree.

Work has not commenced on the deliverables under the Levin Consent Decree as the Levin work is to follow the Montrose work and Levin has not yet received the notice to proceed from EPA.

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